



The new Leroy D. Williams Memorial Library is nearing completion at 1480 Highway 44 in Reserve, next to the Historic St. John Theatre. Expected to open to the public in June, the new building marks a new chapter for St. John the Baptist Parish Library. More than a home for books, this new library will be a champion for the youth, a place to create, and a gathering place for all in the community. A grand opening celebration will encompass the theme "Building the Future, Preserving the Past." Festivities will coincide with St. John the Baptist Parish Library's 2024 Summer Reading Program. Look inside to learn more about our Library's plans for the Summer.

Features of the new Reserve Library include a Makerspace filled with state-of-the-art sewing, printing, and crafting equipment; flexible meeting rooms; a podcasting room with an audio mixer; a one button studio for telehealth appointments; a gaming room with X-Box and PS5 systems; computer and Wi-Fi access; quiet reading and study spaces; and a library-run coffee shop. The upcoming addition of the neighboring 1885 House will expand the Library's Louisiana history collection and add a cooking demonstration kitchen for small groups. Photos show current progress at the site, including exterior details and newly installed wall art inside the branch.







Full access to New York Times Online

St. John the Baptist Parish Library patrons can now enjoy New York Times | All Access. Your access includes everything The New York Times offers. Visit www.stjohnlib.com/resources/#times to learn how to access your subscription inside and outside the Library.

News: Understand the world with original reporting

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FAFSA DAY

Please contact Hannah Lachney at
(985) 535-6868 ex. 5001

Take the stress out of college planning and complete the FAFSA with help from on-site financial aid counselors. This program is open to **teens and adults** interested in pursuing higher education. Current high school students are encouraged to attend with a parent or guardian.

Garyville: 11 AM to 1 PM Saturday, May 25

Registration is required! Call the Garyville Branch or scan the QR code to register online at www.stjohnlib.com.







- Improve academic, workplace and personal skills.
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- Prepare for college admissions and occupational exams.
- **Practice** for the GED®, ASVAB and U.S. citizenship exams.
- **Determine** your future.

Ask a Librarian for more information.



Business Saturday





Starting a business? Need to update your resume? Venturing into the workforce for the first time? In celebration of Small Business Month, **teens and adults** are invited to stop by the LaPlace Branch for free headshots and resume assistance.

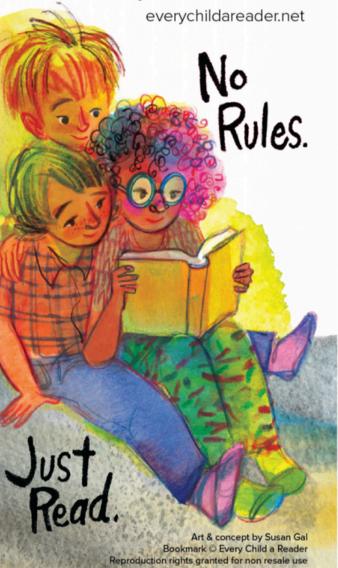
For more information, contact Demi Williams @ 985-652-6857 or email dwilliams@stjohnlib.com



Did you know Homework Louisiana offers more than homework help? With your library card, access free assistance with online job searches, resumes/cover letters, and interview preparation seven days a week from 10 AM to midnight. Visit the Resources page at www.stjohnlib.com to get started.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

May 6-12, 2024



"NO RULES. JUST READ."

Children's Book Week is a national week-long event that celebrates books for young readers. This year marks the 105th anniversary of this beloved program, and this year's event slogan is "No Rules. Just Read." This playful theme is perfect for encouraging reading for pleasure in kids and kids at heart.

While Children's Book Week is celebrated the week of May 6-12, caregivers can encourage their children to develop a love of reading year-round. Visit any St. John the Baptist Parish Library branch or visit us online at www.stjohnlib.com to find the perfect book for your child! You can also celebrate using all the amazing free resources at EveryChildaReader.net. Follow #NoRulesJustRead online for more Children's Book Week resources.

STORYTIME VIDEOS FOR KIDS



BingePass Story Time Videos for Kids

Bring story time home or take it on the go! Visit hoopladigital.com and enter your library card to view The Reading Corner's entire collection of more than 900 videos. With new videos added weekly, there's always more stories to explore!





EARLY LITERACY IS CRUCIAL!

Early literacy activities including reading to your child can foster a rich vocabulary and reading comprehension skills critical to future academic success. By age 3, a child who is read to is exposed to up to 30 million more words than a child with barriers to early literacy. A strong foundation in literacy is associated with improved high school completion rates and higher salaries upon entering the workforce.



Storytime at the Library for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers

Storytime introduces the love of reading to early learners. This is a perfect time for young children and their parents or caretakers to interact in a comfortable setting. Each session includes stories, rhymes, finger-plays, and sing-alongs that engage children in discovering the world around them.

Reserve: Storytime with Ms. Pat

Mondays at 10:30 AM For more info, call Ms. Pat at (985) 536-4107.

Edgard: Storytime with Ms. Lora

Tuesdays at 4 PM For more info, call Ms. Lora at (985) 497-3453.

LaPlace: Storytime with Ms. Trina

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM For more info, call Ms. Trina at (985) 652-6857.

Garyville: Storytime with Ms. Kamryn

Thursdays at 10:30 AM For more info, call Ms. Trina at (985) 652-6857.



St. John the Baptist Parish Library has a subscription to TumbleBookLibrary. It's unlimited and FREE to use from home! TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of ebooks for children. There are over 250 animated, talking picture books for you to enjoy with your child. The site also features read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, games, and puzzles! You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone. All you need is an internet connection and your library card. Visit www.stjohnlib.com/resources to access the collection!























Call Children's Librarian Trina Smith at tcsmith@stjohnlib.com for more information.

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge promotes parent and child bonding through reading. To keep tracks of the books read, Reading Logs are available at all four Library branches. Children will receive incentives for each 100 book milestone!

HELP YOUR CHILD FALL IN LOVE WITH READING

10 tips from healthychildren.org

- 1) Model good reading behavior. let your child see you read!
- 2) Read together before bedtime.
- 3) Get a Library Card.
- 4) Read what they read. Follow their interests and discuss with them.
- 5) Participate in digital literacy activities such as e-book loans and virtual story times.
- 6) Create a cozy reading nook in your home.
- 7) Let your kids know all reading is good reading, whether it's fiction, magazines, biographies, comics, or even cookbooks.
- 8) Keep books around and within reach.
- 9) Travel with reading material. Bring books on car rides.
- 10) Gift books alongside birthday and holiday presents.

'LOS LIBROS Book Talk &

Book Talk & Discussion Group With

CARLOS DIAZ



Are you looking for your next quick read? Carlos Diaz, our Reference Associate, is observing International Short Story Month with book talks about "Lot: Stories" by Bryan Washington (Friday, May 10th) and "The World Doesn't Require You: Stories" by Rion Amilcar Scott (Friday, May 24th). Watch the book talks on St. John the Baptist Parish Library's Facebook page and YouTube Channel!

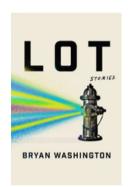
"Lot: Stories" - In the city of Houston - a sprawling, diverse microcosm of America - the son of a black mother and a Latino father is coming of age.

"The World Doesn't Require You: Stories" Established by the leaders of the country's only
successful slave revolt in the mid-nineteenth
century, Cross River still evokes the fierce
rhythms of its founding. In lyrical prose and
singular dialect, a saga beats forward that
echoes the fables carried down for generations.

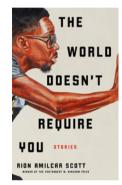
DISCUSSION GROUP

Were you intrigued by Carlos's Book Talks? First, check out the title from the Library or using the Hoopla or Libby app on your smartphone or tablet. Then, visit the <u>LaPlace</u>

<u>Branch</u> to discuss with Carlos and fellow patrons.



5 PM: May 16th "Lot: Stories" by Bryan Washington



5 PM: May 30th
"The World Doesn't
Require You:
Stories" by Rion
Amilcar Scott

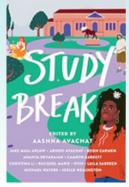
MAY IS SHORT STORY MONTH

Inspired by April's National Poetry Month and thanks to the StoryADay in May writing challenge, May has become identified with the short story. It became official in May 2013 as the first organized International Short Story Month. Exciting, moving, and unexpected, short stories make the perfect introduction to a new author's work, an excellent way for readers to get a top-up from their favorite authors between novels, and a perfect impulse purchase on a phone or e-reader. The suggested titles below are available at the Library or our Hoopla and Libby e-book databases.

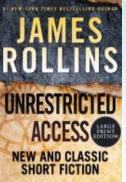












The literary lounge with Javalyn LeBlanc

Hey there! We'd love to have you join our book club, where we meet monthly to chat about all genres of books. Our meetings are a welcoming and friendly space where you can share your thoughts and ideas without fear of judgment. This month's pick is "Mother Daughter Murder Night" by Nina Simon. We'll discuss the book and hear directly from the author during a virtual Q&A!

This book club is open to adults!

5 PM: Wednesday, May 9th (Reserve)

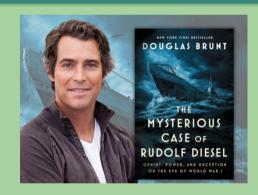


THIS MONTH'S PICK

"Mother Daughter Murder Night" by Nina Simon

Virtual Author Series

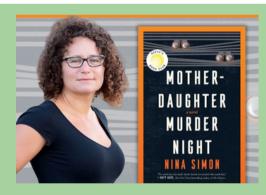
In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium, St. John the Baptist Parish Library offers patrons the opportunity to join virtual talks with bestselling authors each month. Register to watch live or catch the replay at www.libraryc.org/stjohnlib Find more information about the May 2024 talks below.



Author Talk with Douglas Brunt

May 1st @ 2 PM

Join us as we chat with New York Times bestselling author, Douglas Brunt, about his instant bestselling debut nonfiction work, "The Mysterious Case of Rudolph Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I." This book reveals the hidden history of Rudolf Diesel, one of the world's greatest inventors, and his mysterious disappearance from the steamship Dresden in the early 20th Century.



Author Talk with Nina Simon

May 8th @ 6 PM

You're invited to join Nina
Simon online as she chats about
her lighthearted whodunnit
about a grandmother-motherdaughter trio of amateur
sleuths, "Mother-Daughter
Murder Night." Simon writes
crime fiction about strong
women. She is a New York
Times-bestselling debut author,
and her whodunnit is a Reese's
Book Club pick and a "best of
2023" selection for Amazon,
Barnes & Noble, CrimeReads,
and LibraryJournal.



Author Talk with Rebecca F. Kuang

May 21st @ 6 PM

Join us online for a thrilling conversation with Rebecca F. Kuang (R.F. Kuang) as she chats with us about her New York Times bestselling novel, "Yellowface." "Yellowface" grapples with questions of diversity, racism, and cultural appropriation, as well as the terrifying alienation of social media. White lies, dark humor, and deadly consequences await within the pages of "Yellowface."

Language Learning & Computer Classes





In partnership with New Orleans-based The New Neighbor Project, the St. John the Baptist Parish Library hosts English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adult patrons. Call coordinator Carolyn Mendoza at (985) 536-4107 or go to www.thenewneighborproject.org/esl-classes for more information and to register.

LaPlace: 6 PM Wednesdays

CLASEŞ DE INGLÉS



En asociación con The New Neighbor Project, con sede en Nueva Orleans, la biblioteca parroquial de St. John the Baptist ofrece clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL) para clientes adultos. Llame a la coordinadora Carolyn Mendoza al (985) 536-4107 o visite

para obtener más información y registrarse.

www.thenewneighborproject.org/esl-classes

LaPlace: Miércoles a las 6 PM



This class is for English speakers beginning their journey into the Spanish language. We will use a library resource, Pronunciator, to follow lessons on basic vocabulary and phrases. For more information or to register, contact Carolyn Mendoza at 985-536-4107.

4:45 PM: Wednesdays (LaPlace)







Join us as we conduct computer-based training sessions for artificial intelligence. Please call to register.

Visita www.stjohnlib.odilo.us

Edgard: Chat GPT 1 PM Wednesdays 985-497-3453

Learn basic computer operations, including how to check your emails, use Microsoft Office products, and browse the Internet. Please call to register.

LaPlace: Beginner's **Computer Classes 101**

> 6 PM Thursdays 985-652-6857

Garyville: Computer Basics

11 AM Tuesdays 985-535-6868

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amplio catálogo de más de 800.000 libros electrónicos y 73.000 audiolibros en español.

Reserve: Intro to **Microsoft Office** 5 PM Thursdays 985-536-4107



SUMMER READING PROGRAM JUNE 3RD-JULY 13TH

Adventure Begins at your Library on June 3rd with six themed weeks of free, fun programs to combat the summer slide of learning loss: Culture (June 3-8), Animals (June 10-15), Camping (June 15-22), STEM (June 24-29), Planes, Trains, and Automobiles (July 1-6), and Fantasy (July 8-13).

Be amazed by professional magician David LeBouef, meet the Disney princesses, and showcase your talents in a community art show. Exotic animals will visit each branch, and you can even bring your family pet to the library for treat-making and photoshoot fun!

Go camping with Dubi, learn survival skills with the Boy Scouts, and make solar jewelry with the Louisiana State Energy Office. Later on, you'll learn about wilderness survival in a post-apocalyptic scenario with horticulture expert Andre' Brock.

St. John the Baptist Parish Library and Marathon Petroleum have partnered to bring STEM NOLA to each of our branches with exciting, hands-on experiments. Get a taste of the new Reserve Library's MakerSpace and put your sewing and circuitry skills to the test by making light-up Mickey Mouse ears.

All Summer long, the River Parishes Tourist Commission will spotlight local culture to help you plan your next staycation. Come see the fire truck and prepare for new adventures by making luggage tags and 3D paper suitcases.

Baby Yoda and Disney characters will be abundant at our branches during the final week of Summer Reading, and families will be invited to play musical bingo and watch an indie traveling wrestling match.

Regularly scheduled story times, computer classes, and language classes will continue throughout the summer.

Registration will be available online and in person beginning <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 1st.</u>

Program dates and times will be listed on our online calendar, in our Summer newsletter, and on social media. Visit www.stjohnlib.com for more information.





Meet Your MakerSpace



KEUIN TRAUIS Makerspace Coordinator

Hello! I'm Kevin Travis, MakerSpace Coordinator for the Leroy D. Williams Memorial Library. When I tell people of my job title, their next question is, "What a MakerSpace?!" With a smile, I explain that a MakerSpace is an area and/or service that offers library patrons an opportunity to create materials using a variety of resources. In our MakerSpace, we have items such as the MakerBot 3D printers and Cricut smart cutting machines. The Sawgrass SG500 sublimation printer is for printing designs on shirts/bags, while the The HTVRont heat press applies designs, and the auto tumbler heat press is used for cups. The Janome Skyline S5 and Sewist 721 sewing machines are for stitching and modifying fabric. We have the Vevor button makers in 1.5" and 3" sizes and an oversized HP printer for large-scale signs and posters. The Makey Makey circuit kits and Edison programmable bots can be used for STEAM education, and an Epilog Fusion Pro 24 laser cutter makes custom designs in wood and metals.

With all this state of the art equipment in the Reserve Branch Library, patrons will have access to continuous learning and training. A badging system will permit patrons to come in use equipment after completing a training. When the schedule permits, the MakerSpace will be open for patrons to work independently on small projects. The MakerSpace is not just a space that I am over; it is a space for all. The new Leroy D. Williams Library Branch in Reserve will be opening soon, so I hope to see you there!



MakerBot 3D Printers



Cricut Maker 3



HTVront Auto Heat Press



Sawgrass Sublimation Printer



Vevor Button Makers



Janome Sewing Machines



HTVront Tumbler Heat Press



3Doodler Pen



Invention Kit

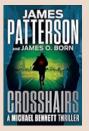


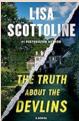
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New Arrivals at Your Library







Mystery & Thrillers

- Crosshairs (A Michael Bennett Thriller) by James Patterson
- The Ghost Orchid: An Alex Delaware Novel by Jonathan Kellerman
- The Truth about the Devlins by Lisa Scottoline

Romance

- Hunt on Dark Waters (Crimson Sails) by Katee Robert
- Gothikana by RuNyx

Sci-Fi & Fantasy

- House of Flame and Shadow (Crescent City, 3) by Sarah J. Maas
- Fourth Wing: Empyrean, Book 1 by Rebecca Yarros

Biographies & Memoirs

- The Making of a King: King Charles III and the Modern Monarchy by Robert Hardman
- Only Say Good Things: Surviving Playboy and Finding Myself by Crystal Hefner

Cooking, Food, and Wine

- Taste of Home Bakeshop Classics: 247 Vintage Delights, Coffeehouse Bites & After-Dinner Highlights
- 5 Ingredients Mediterranean: Simple Incredible Food [American Measurements] by Jaime Olivier



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April Happenings!

































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